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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3 as follows:

These and other features, aspects, and advantages of the present invention will be more fully understood when considered with respect to the following detailed description, appended claims, and accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective drawing of a piping clamp for a concrete form in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention shown in relation to a concrete form and a clamped pipe illustrated in broken lines;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged top view of the piping clamp of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view of a piping clamp taken along the line 3-3 of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a diagram depicting installation of the piping clamp of FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the piping clamp in use taken along the line 5-5 of FIG. 1; and

FIG. 6 is a diagram depicting removal of ~~of~~ the piping clamp of FIG. 1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 22 as follows:

FIG. 2 is an enlarged top view of the piping clamp of FIG. 1. A piping clamp for a concrete form 100 includes a base 102 and a spring clamp 104 extending from the base 102. The spring clamp 104 has a curved web portion 122 having an inner surface 123 with a first finger 124 extending from the web portion 122. The first finger 124 curves outwardly and then inwardly toward a

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central plane ~~126~~125 of the piping clamp 100 and has an inner surface 128 facing the central plane ~~126~~125. The spring clamp 104 also includes a second finger 130 extending from the web portion 122. The second finger 130 curves outwardly and then inwardly toward a central plane 126 of the piping clamp 100 and has an inner surface 132 facing the central plane ~~126~~125. The inner surface 123 of the web portion 122, the inner surface 128 of first finger 124, and the inner surface 132 second finger 130 define a clamping area having a substantially circular interior surface for coupling to a circular pipe.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5 as follows:

The first finger 124 further includes a first entry portion 134 having an inner surface and curving outwardly away from the central plane ~~126~~125. The second finger 130 further includes a second entry portion 136 having an inner surface and curving outwardly away from the central plane ~~126~~125. The inner surface of the first entry portion and the inner surface of the second entry portion define a throated entry for the clamping area. In addition, the fingers are tapered, thinning in cross-section as they extend from the web portion 122 to their respective entry portions.

Please amend the two paragraphs beginning on page 6, line 19, through page 7, line 5 as follows:

As previously described, the base 102 of the piping clamp 100 may include a plurality of fastener openings, such as fastener opening 129, extending through the base 102. As shown, the plurality of fastener openings are distributed in a staggered and spaced apart manner alternating between a first side and a second side of the central plane ~~127~~125. The

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plurality of fastener openings are distributed between the front surface 126 of the base 102 and the back surface ~~128~~ 127 of the base. In alternative embodiments of the base 102, the fastener openings are omitted. In such embodiments, the fasteners pierce the material of the base 102 and create their own openings during an installation process.

In one piping clamp in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the length of the base 102 as measured from the front surface to the back surface is sized to accommodate 2X lumber commonly used in construction, namely the base is approximately two inches long as measured between the front surface 126 of the standoff portion 112 and the back surface ~~128~~ 127 of the base. In addition, the plurality of fastener openings may be spaced apart at approximately quarter inch intervals allowing adjustment of the position of the piping clamp 100 relative to the top surface 114 of the concrete form 106.